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Re: Applicant(s): Howard M. Kingston
Assignee: Metara, Inc.
Title: Method And Apparatus For Automated In-Process, Isotope Dilution Threshold
And Quantification Measurement Mass Spectrometry
Serial No.: 10/004,627 Filed: 12/04/2001
Examiner: James P. Hughes Group Art Unit: 2881
Doclet No.: M-15307 US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Facsimile Cover Sheet;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
- (3) Supplemental Response to the Submission in Support of a Request For Continued Prosecution.



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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO THE SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF A
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